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 TAGS: SHUM, AR  
 SUBJECT: (U) KIDNAP VICTIM FOUND DEAD

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 0898, (B) BUENOS AIRES 0851

1. (U) THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ANNOUNCED FEB. 17  
 THAT THE MISSING ANA MARIA MARTINEZ WAS FOUND DEAD.  
 ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY, A WOMEN'S BODY DISCOVERED IN  
 A DRANAGE DITCH IN THE TIGRE ZONE FEB. 12 WAS  
 SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS MARTINEZ THROUGH HER FINGER-  
 PRINTS. THE BRIEF MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT STATED THAT  
 FURTHER INFORMATION WOULD BE SUPPLIED BY THE BUENOS  
 AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE WHO DISCOVERED AND IDENTIFIED  
 THE BODY. HOWEVER, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE  
 REPORTEDLY REFUSED "FOR THE MOMENT" TO OFFER ANY FURTHER  
 INFORMATION TO REPORTERS. (ON FEB. 15, THE PRESS  
 REPORTED THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY OF  
 A PREGNANT WOMEN WHO HAD BEEN KILLED BY TWO 38

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CALIBRE BULLETS HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN TIGRE. THE  
 PRESS, WHICH HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THIS STORY CLOSELY,

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HAS ASSUMED, PROBABLY CORRECT, THAT THIS IS THE BODY THAT HAS NOW BEEN IDENTIFIED AS MARTINEZ.) WE UNDERSTAND THAT COL. MENENDEZ, SUB SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, IS PRIVATELY TELLING REPORTERS THAT MARTINEZ'S KILLING WAS THE WORK OF EXTREMISTS, AND NOT OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE CASE.

2. (U) PRIOR TO THE NEW THAT MARTINEZ'S BODY HAD BEEN FOUND, THE MULTIPARTIDARIA GROUP ANNOUNCED ITS CONDEMNATION OF HER DISAPPEARANCE, CALLED FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE AND DECLARED THAT HER DISAPPEARANCE SHOULD BE THE LAST SUCH OCCURRENCE.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THIS MURDER WAS PROBABLY THE WORK OF SECURITY AGENTS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY ACTED WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF AUTHORITY OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, AS IS INEVITABLE IN SUCH CASES, SPECULATION IS ALREADY BEGINNING HERE WHETHER THE AUTHORS OF THIS ACT WERE OUT TO EMBARRASS PRESIDENT GALTIERI, AS SEVERAL TEMPORARY DISAPPEARANCES LAST YEAR WERE BELIEVED BY MANY TO HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO EMBARRASS VIOLA. WHILE THAT POSSIBILITY REMAINS OPEN, WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO GIVE IT MUCH CREDIT RIGHT NOW CHIEFLY BECAUSE FACTIONALISM DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE REACHED THE LEVEL THAT WOULD NURTURE SUCH ACTS. ONE WAY TO REMOVE SUCH DOUBTS WOULD BE FOR THE AUTHORS OF THE MURDER TO BE APPREHENDED--WHICH MAY DEPEND AS MUCH ON THE WILL OF THE INVESTIGATORS AS UPON THEIR DECTIVE SKILL.

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4. [REDACTED] ONE OF THE MOST RESPONSIBLE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS HERE HAS TOLD US OF HIS BELIEF THAT THE SECURITY FORCES HAD IDENTIFIED MARTINEZ THE DAY HER BODY WAS DISCOVERED. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ACTIVISTS MAY NOW SEEK TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THIS POINT, SEEKING TO IMPLY SOME SORT OF COVER-UP. AT THE VERY LEAST, IF THEY CAN CONVINCINGLY DEMONSTRATE THEIR SUSPICION IS ACCURATE, THEY WILL EMBARRASS COL. MENENDEZ, WHO AS LATE AS FEB. 15 STATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MARTINEZ CASE. SHLAUDEMAN

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